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1. (Amended) An odor controlling material comprising, an absorbent material, said absorbent material being selected from the group consisting of silica, alumina, silicates, natural and synthetic aluminosilicates and mixtures thereof, said absorbent material being doped with one or more dopants selected from the group consisting of fatty acids and their derivatives, ammonia, alcohols, aldehydes, ketones, heterocompounds containing at least one nitrogen, sulfur or oxygen atom and mixtures thereof.

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5. (Amended) An odor controlling material according to claim 3, wherein the fatty acids are selected from straight and branched chain fatty acids containing from 1 to 12 carbons atoms, alkali and alkaline earth metal salts and their esters, ammonium salts and amides.


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7. (Amended) A odor controlling material according to claim 3, wherein the heterocompounds are selected from the group consisting of heterocyclic compounds containing one or two heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, sulfur, and oxygen, mecapto-compounds, thio-compounds, and other compounds containing at least one sulfur atom per molecule and having a boiling point of up to 170° C at atmospheric pressure.

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11. (Amended) An absorbent article comprising at least one material, said material selected from the group consisting of silica, alumina, silicates, natural and synthetic aluminosilicates, and mixtures thereof, said absorbent material being doped with one or more dopants selected from the group consisting of fatty acids and their derivatives, amines and their salts ammonia, alcohols, aldehydes, ketones,

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heterocompounds containing at least one nitrogen, sulfur or oxygen atom and mixtures thereof.

Please add the following claims:

15. An absorbent article according to claim 11, wherein the material is active silica.
16. An absorbent article according to claim 15, wherein the fatty acids are selected from straight and branched chain fatty acids containing from 1 to 12 carbons atoms, alkali and alkaline earth metal salts and their esters, ammonium salts and amides.
17. An absorbent article according to claim 15, wherein the amines and their salts are selected from amines having a boiling point of up to 170 °C at atmospheric pressure.
18. An absorbent article according to claim 15, wherein the heterocompounds are selected from the group consisting of heterocyclic compounds containing one or two hetero-atoms selected from nitrogen, sulfur, and oxygen, mercapto-compounds, thio-compounds, and other compounds containing at least one sulfur atom per molecule and having a boiling point of up to 170° C at atmospheric pressure.
19. An absorbent article according to claim 11 which has a pH of  $7 \pm 0.5$ .

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20. An absorbent article to claim 11 comprising at least one dopant, the dopant having more than one active group.
21. An absorbent article according to claim 11 comprising two or more of said materials.
22. An absorbent article according to claim 11 which is a pantiliner or a sanitary napkin.
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